



The WA4IWL Newsletter



ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC.

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Message From The President

Hi EARS Members.

Again it has been a quiet month for EARS activities. Our joint picnic with the Peace River club is coming November 15th and we all know what December brings in the way of friends, family and good cheer.

We have been having a great turnout at our meetings and I have had excellent support from the membership.

We had another entertaining presentation from Mr. Max Wesley G4WEZ about radio communications in Europe during WWII. If you have not heard one of Max's presentations you should they are absolutely fascinating. Thank you Max.

I would also like to thank Dennis-K4NF for his continued outstanding performance with the newsletter. Dennis puts in considerable time on the newsletter all while on the road. Thanks Dennis.

We should all thank Vic-K4VHX for his efforts to keep the club rolling. Vic continues; behind the scenes, to keep activities alive and well for our club. If not for Vic, some of the programs and activities we have come to expect would not happen. Thanks from all of us Vic!

Our next meeting is Oct 17th.
73 Keith-WL7CKY

September 19 Meeting Minutes

Call To Order – President Keith Herve-WL7CKY called the meeting to order and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. A total of sixteen members and six guests were in attendance. Introductions were made all around.

Guests – Our guests for the evening were: Jackie Abbott, Len Abbott, Max Westley-G4WEZ, Yvonne Westley, Jan Holman and Dick Corn.

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CLUB MEETING

Englewood Amateur Radio Club meetings are on the 3rd Friday of each month at 7:30 PM. Meeting location is at the Englewood United Methodist Church 700 E. Dearborn St. (near Pine St. & River Road). Contact one of the officers for directions to the meeting room.

After Meeting Program Providers

October: Bruce-K2OY, November: George-KA4JKY

Next meeting: Friday October 17. Our program afterwards will be QSL'ing, both stateside and abroad.

Interested in becoming an EARS member or becoming an amateur radio operator?

Please contact one of the EARS club officers for details.

Secretary's Report – was approved as published in the August Newsletter. Motion to accept by Don-WA4IWL was 2nd by Howard-N4MLJ, the motion carried.

Treasurers' Report – J.R.-K9HUY, acting for the Club Treasurer Bruce-K2OY, reported the club checking account balance was \$4,908.39 as of 9/19/2003. The only expenditures made since the last meeting were: \$300.00 to Bruce Robideau for the club generator and \$144.00 for meeting room rental. Motion to accept the Treasurers report was made by J.R.-K9HUY and was 2nd by Marty Horowitz - KA1DCD. The motion carried.

Correspondence

No correspondence received.

Committee Reports

Sunshine Committee – Howard-N4MLJ's wife Claire broke her shoulder and is recovering slowly while Howard shoulders many extra household duties. Hi Hi.

Bruce-K2OY was in Englewood Community Hospital for a day suffering from congestive heart failure. He recovered quickly upon receiving the proper medication.

Publicity – nothing to report.

R.A.C.E.S. – Frank Maren - W4VV reported that a new meeting site is being prepared at the Tringali Park complex. Antennas and radios will be installed soon and should be ready by next month.

The regular monthly drill will be held next Thursday, September 25 at 9:30 a.m. with all operators checking in from their home QTH.

Gerry-K4JWE described the County's new communication system he saw demonstrated earlier in the week. The new system is called: E.D.I.T.C.S. (Emergency, Deployable, Interoperable, Transportable, Communication, System). This system is mounted on a 30ft tandem axle trailer with a 12KW diesel generator and two 30-foot telescoping antenna masts with provisions for 18 antennas. The communication trailer includes at least 8 separate radios that are programmable to transmit and receive HF, VHF/UHF and cell phone frequencies. They will be used to rapidly communicate with all the various emergency groups i.e. Fire, Police, Forest Service, Coast Guard and Marine Patrol. Units of this type are being made available to overcome the inability of the various agencies to talk to each other during an emergency. Gerry will let us know when and where these trailers will be

out for R.A.C.E. S. members to see.

Testing – No testing is scheduled for this coming Saturday.

DX – J.R.-K9HUY reported that there is a group going to Peter I Island in January '04 and they will be operating for approximately three weeks. This is a pretty rare DX contact that has not been active for several years. With the bands so weak and variable, DX is still out there but you have to work harder to make contacts these days.

Hamfest 2004 – Marty-W4MHH attended the first joint planning committee with the PRRA club last week. Next years hamfest will be held at the Charlotte County Fairgrounds on Saturday March 6th. It may be just a tailgate type hamfest unless we have some commercial vendor that must be indoors or if we cannot find suitable tent type shelters for a lesser cost. Vic Emmelkamp-K4VHX is acting Co-Chairman until final committee arrangements can be made.

Old Business

Reminder: The annual joint picnic with the PRRA club will be held Saturday, November 15th at the Charlotte County Fairgrounds. Mark your calendars! First of all we need tables so if you have a suitable picnic table call Vic-K4VHX and let him know it's available. Vic will be coordinating the picnic with Jack-KE4IM of the PRRA. Second you will need to bring your own chairs and a covered dish or desert the day of the picnic.

New Business

Our budget this year approved donations to various specified and unspecified groups. The following motions were made and approved by the members in attendance and all fall within budgetary limits.

First, Tom-WA3PRC made a motion to give \$50.00 to the Barrier Islands Park Society, which operates the Boca Lighthouse. His motion was 2nd by Howard-N4MLJ and approve by voice vote.

Second, Jack-WA8GRO made a motion to give \$200.00 to the ARRL; \$100.00 to go to the Frequency Defense Fund and the other \$100 to the Education and Technology Fund. The motion was 2nd by Jim-N4JBZ and approved by voice vote.

Announcements

Ken-W4JQT suggested we replace the current Friday night net on the 146.700 repeater with a Simplex net on a

frequency yet to be determined. Simplex operation is a good test of your antenna system, and a way to learn more about 2-meter propagation. If you would like to participate please call or Email Ken.

Vic-K4VHX mentioned the club still has T-shirts available for \$5.00 each and lots of extra Club Directories for free. Just stop by the table before you leave.

Program

Max Westley-G4WEZ, presented the program for the evening. Max is visiting us from Sawston, England and enthralled us with his historical account of the Allied invasion of Arnhem in 1944. In particular he detailed the many communication and coordination problems that occurred.

If you saw the movie "A Bridge to Far", Max said it was a pretty accurate account of the battle and the radio communication Snafu's that occurred.

Vic Emmelkamp-K4VHX
Acting Secretary

EARS Directory Changes

Please make the following changes in your directory:

Martin Horowitz's call sign has changed from KA1DCD to W4MHH.

Bruce Robideau-K2OY's contact info. has changed to:
P.O. Box 1444, Englewood, FL 34295-1444, PH: 960-3652

Amateur Radio Equipment For Sale, Trade, Want-To Buy

Gap Titian 80 to 10 meters vertical in great condition. \$100.00. Robert Benkovich, kf4yow@direcway.com

VE Exam Sessions

The exams are given at 9:30 AM the 3rd Saturday of each month, on a reservation basis only, in the conference room of the Englewood Chamber of Commerce building, 601, South Indiana Avenue.

The Reason Why

By Hiram Percy maxim, President A.R.R.L.
From September, 1927 QST

Sitting back in the old armchair, with the last issue of QST read from cover to cover and with everybody else in the house was asleep hours ago, I fell to thinking of amateur radio today and amateur radio of other days. As the blue smoke curls slowly upward from the old pipe, visions of early ARRL Directors Meetings' floated before me. I see those

old timers grappling with problems of organization, with QRM, with trunk line traffic and rival amateur leagues. I see sinister commercial and government interests at work seeking to exterminate amateur radio. They were dark days, those early ones.

Today I see Amateur Radio an institution, recognized by our American Government and on the road to recognition by the other governments of the world. I see a fine, loyal ARRL membership of 20,000 standing shoulder to shoulder and believing in each other and still blazing the way in radio communication. I see a rapidly developing world wide amateur radio brother hood taking shape in the form of our I.A.R.U.

And as the last embers of the old pipe turn to gray ash, I ask how it all came about: that the ARRL should have succeeded and all its opponents failed. The answer is clear. It is because with our opponents there was always some kind of a selfish motive to be served for someone, whereas in our ARRL we insisted from the beginning that no selfish motive for anybody or anything should ever prevail. Everything that ARRL undertakes must be 100% for the general good. That policy bred loyalty and confidence. With those two things an organization can prosper forever.

Amateur Radio owes its very existence to Hiram Percy Maxim and those who worked with him during the early days of radio. On September 17, 1936 in a tribute to the memory of Mr. Maxim, Herbert Hoover had this to say:

"I well remember the battle in which Hiram Percy Maxim joined with me as Secretary of Commerce in setting apart definitely and for all time certain segments in the radio range and dedicating them for the perpetual use of the amateurs. The commercial value of these wavelengths was well recognized at the time and great pressures were brought to bear to allot them to commercial use. Mr. Maxim's sturdy mobilization of the thousands of amateurs contributed greatly to saving this field, which has now extended into world wide use."

Submitted by Ken Anderson - W4JQT

Florida Hamfests October/November

Listing from: <http://www.arrl.org>

11 Oct 2003 Cy Harris W4MAQ Memorial Free Flea, Plantation, FL, <http://www.geocities.com/bcepn/freeflea.html>
Contact: Richard Block, KG4CHW, 10018 Winding Lake Road, Apt. 103, Sunrise, FL 33351-5859
Phone: 954-275-0652, Email: kg4chw@arrl.net

11 Oct 2003 ARC-Bradford Area, Starke, FL
<http://www.ku4ay.net/starkehamfest.html>, Contact: John Bradley, KU4AY, 2363 NW CR 225, Lawtey, FL 32058
Phone: 904-782-1185, Email: hamfest@ku4ay.net

18 Oct 2003 Greater Jacksonville Hamfest Association, Jacksonville, FL, <http://www.jaxhamfest.com>, Contact: Richard Smythe, KF4PBL, 4473 Hudnall Road, Jacksonville, FL 32207, Phone: 904-739-9713
Email: rsmythe2@bellsouth.net

1 Nov 2003 Lake ARA Umatilla, FL,
<http://www.qsl.net/k4fc>, Contact: Al Szirski, K2SSE
11146 Springdale Avenue, Leesburg, FL 34788
Phone: 321-436-4115, Email: k2sse@comcast.net

15 Nov 2003 Free Flea, Flamingo Net/University of Miami ARC, Coral Gables, FL <http://www.flamingonet.8m.net>, Contact: Bill Moore, WA4TEJ, University of Miami Physics Department, Coral Gables, FL 33124, Phone: 305-264-4465
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22 Nov 2003 North Brevard ARC, Titusville, FL
<http://www.northbrevardradioclub.org>, Contact: Bob Jones, N6USP, 4743 Cambridge Drive, Mims, FL 32754
Phone: 321-264-2622, Email: n6usp@gnc.net

29 Nov 2003 Okeechobee ARC, Okeechobee, FL
<http://www.flweather.com/oarc>, Contact: Al Berryman, AD4RZ, PO Box 368, Okeechobee, FL 34973
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WA7BNM Contest Calendar

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/contestcal.html>

October

- Iberoamericano Contest 2000Z, Oct 11 - 2000Z, Oct 12
- North American Sprint, RTTY 0000Z - 0400Z, Oct 12
- YLRL Anniversary Party, SSB 1400Z, Oct 15 - 0200Z, Oct 17
- JARTS WW RTTY Contest 0000Z, Oct 18 - 2400Z, Oct 19
- ARCI Fall QSO Party 1200Z, Oct 18 - 2400Z, Oct 19
- Worked All Germany Contest 1500Z, Oct 18 - 1459Z, Oct 19
- W/VE Islands QSO Party 1600Z, Oct 18 - 2359Z, Oct 19
- Asia-Pacific Sprint, CW 0000Z - 0200Z, Oct 19
- RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest, CW 0700Z - 1900Z, Oct 19
- Illinois QSO Party 1800Z, Oct 19 - 0200Z, Oct 20
- CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB 0000Z, Oct 25 - 2400Z, Oct 26
- 10-10 Int. Fall Contest, CW 0001Z, Oct 25 - 2400Z, Oct 26

November

- IPA Contest, CW 0600Z - 1000Z, Nov 1 and 1400Z - 1800Z, Nov 1
- Ukrainian DX Contest 1200Z, Nov 1 - 1200Z, Nov 2
- ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW 2100Z, Nov 1 - 0300Z, Nov 3
- North American Collegiate ARC Championship, CW 2100Z, Nov 1 - 0300Z, Nov 3
- QRP ARCI Running of the QRP Bulls 2100Z, Nov 1 - 0300Z, Nov 3
- IPA Contest, SSB 0600Z - 1000Z, Nov 2 and 1400Z - 1800Z, Nov 2
- High Speed Club CW Contest 0900Z - 1100Z, Nov 2 and 1500Z - 1700Z, Nov 2
- DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest 1100Z - 1700Z, Nov 2
- WAE DX Contest, RTTY 0000Z, Nov 8 - 2359Z, Nov 9
- Japan Int. DX Contest, Phone 0700Z, Nov 8 - 1300Z, Nov 9
- SARL Field Day Contest 1000Z, Nov 8 - 1000Z, Nov 9
- OK/OM DX Contest, CW 1200Z, Nov 8 - 1200Z, Nov 9
- Anatolian ATA PSK31 Contest 1800Z - 2400Z, Nov 8
- All Austrian 160-Meter Contest 1600Z, Nov 15 - 0700Z, Nov 16
- ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB 2100Z, Nov 15 - 0300Z, Nov 17
- North American Collegiate ARC Championship, SSB 2100Z, Nov 15 - 0300Z, Nov 17
- RSGB 1.8 MHz Contest, CW 2100Z, Nov 15 - 0100Z, Nov 16
- LZ DX Contest 1200Z, Nov 22 - 1200Z, Nov 23
- CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW 0000Z, Nov 29 - 2400Z, Nov 30